

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently cancelled)

Claim 2 (Currently amended): An automatic sound transmitting method of a cellular phone in acknowledgment of a response of ~~the other~~ a called party when calling up as claimed in claim [[1]]3, wherein contents of the reproduced audio data are displayed on a display as text data during the transmission.

Claim 3 (Currently amended): An automatic sound transmitting method of a cellular phone in acknowledgment of a response of ~~the other~~ a called party when calling up ~~as claimed in claim 1,~~
comprising the steps of:

receiving a signal sent from a base station corresponding to a response of the called party to a call setup operation from a key-input section of a cellular phone;

reproducing audio data previously recorded and stored in a memory or synthetic audio data previously stored in a memory;

transmitting the reproduced audio data to the called party via a radio transmitter/receiver; and

automatically terminating the call or disconnecting after the reproduction and transmission of the audio data are completed,

wherein the reproduction of the audio data can be designated during the call

including the ~~point of time of reception~~ prescribed period of time.

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Claim 4 (Currently amended): An automatic sound transmitting method of a cellular phone in acknowledgment of a response of ~~the other~~ a called party when calling up ~~as claimed in claim 2,~~

comprising the steps of:

receiving a signal sent from a base station corresponding to a response of the called party to a call setup operation from a key-input section of a cellular phone;

reproducing audio data previously recorded and stored in a memory or synthetic audio data previously stored in a memory;

transmitting the reproduced audio data to the called party via a radio transmitter/receiver; and

automatically terminating the call or disconnecting after the reproduction and transmission of the audio data are completed,

wherein contents of the reproduced audio data are displayed on a display as text data during the transmission, and

wherein the reproduction of the audio data can be designated during the call including the ~~point of time of reception~~ prescribed period of time.

Claim 5 (Currently cancelled)

Claim 6 (Currently amended): An automatic sound transmitting method of a cellular phone in acknowledgment of a response of the ~~other~~ called party when calling up as claimed in claim [[5]]7, wherein contents of the text data are displayed on a display during the transmission.

Claim 7 (Currently amended): An automatic sound transmitting method of a cellular phone in acknowledgment of a response of ~~the other~~ a called party when calling up, ~~as claimed in claim 5,~~

comprising the steps of:

receiving a signal sent from a base station corresponding to a response of the called party to a call setup operation from a key-input section of a cellular phone;

reading out text data stored in a memory;

converting the text data into audio data at a text-to-speech converter;

transmitting the converted audio data to the called party via a radio

transmitter/receiver; and

automatically terminating the call or disconnecting after the transmission of the audio data is completed,

wherein the readout of the text data can be designated during the call including the point of time of reception-prescribed period of time.

Claim 8 (Currently amended): An automatic sound transmitting method of a cellular phone in acknowledgment of a response of a called party when calling up ~~as claimed in claim 6,~~

comprising the steps of:

receiving a signal sent from a base station corresponding to a response of the called party to a call setup operation from a key-input section of a cellular phone;

reading out text data stored in a memory;

converting the text data into audio data at a text-to-speech converter;

transmitting the converted audio data to the called party via a radio transmitter/receiver; and

automatically terminating the call or disconnecting after the transmission of the audio data is completed,
wherein contents of the text data are displayed on a display during the transmission, and
wherein the readout of the text data can be designated during the call including the ~~point of time of reception~~ prescribed period of time.

Claim 9 (Currently amended): An automatic sound transmitting method of a cellular phone in acknowledgment of a response of ~~the other~~ a called party when calling up as claimed in claim 7, further comprising the steps of:

indicating completion of the transmission on the display after the transmission of the converted audio data is finished;

reading out another item of text data stored in the memory and supplying the text data to the text-to-speech converter while retaining the call;

converting the text data into audio data at the text-to-speech converter; and

sending the converted audio data to the radio transmitter/receiver in succession.

Claim 10 (Currently amended): An automatic sound transmitting method of a cellular phone in acknowledgment of a response of ~~the other~~ a called party when calling up as claimed in claim 8, further comprising the steps of:

indicating completion of the transmission on the display after the transmission of the converted audio data is finished;

reading out another item of text data stored in the memory and supplying the text data to the text-to-speech converter while retaining the call;

converting the text data into audio data at the text-to-speech converter; and

sending the converted audio data to the radio transmitter/receiver in succession.

Claim 11 (Currently cancelled)

Claim 12 (Currently amended): A cellular phone as claimed in claim [[11]]13, further including a means for displaying contents of the reproduced audio data on a display as text data during the transmission.

Claim 13 (Currently amended): A cellular phone ~~as claimed in claim 11,~~ comprising:

a key-input section for inputting a telephone number when making a phone call, a text-entry and settings for respective functions;

a radio transmitter/receiver for communicating with a base station by radio;

memories for storing previously recorded audio data and/or synthetic audio data;

a controller which includes: a means for originating a call of a telephone number when the telephone number and a call up setup are inputted from the key-input section, a means for reading out the previously recorded audio data or the synthetic audio data stored in one of the memories on receipt of a signal sent from

the base station corresponding to a response of a called party to the call, a means for sending the read audio data to the radio transmitter/receiver, and a means for terminating the call or disconnecting after the transmission of the read audio data is completed; and

~~further including~~ a means for designating the reproduction of the audio data during the call including the ~~point of time of reception~~ prescribed period of time.

Claim 14 (Currently amended): A cellular phone ~~as claimed in claim 12,~~
comprising:

a key-input section for inputting a telephone number when making a phone call, a text-entry and settings for respective functions;

a radio transmitter/receiver for communicating with a base station by radio;
memories for storing previously recorded audio data and/or synthetic audio data;

a controller which includes: a means for originating a call of a telephone number when the telephone number and a call up setup are inputted from the key-input section, a means for reading out the previously recorded audio data or the synthetic audio data stored in one of the memories on receipt of a signal sent from the base station corresponding to a response of a called party to the call, a means for sending the read audio data to the radio transmitter/receiver, and a means for terminating the call or disconnecting after the transmission of the read audio data is completed;

a means for displaying contents of the reproduced audio data on a display as text data during the transmission; and

~~further including~~ a means for designating the reproduction of the audio data during the call including the ~~point of time of reception~~ prescribed period of time.

Claim 15 (Currently cancelled)

Claim 16 (Currently amended): A cellular phone as claimed in claim [[15]]17, further including a means for displaying contents of the text data on a display during the transmission.

Claim 17 (Currently amended): A cellular phone ~~as claimed in claim 15,~~
comprising:

a key-input section for inputting a telephone number when making a phone call, a text-entry and settings for respective functions;

a radio transmitter/receiver for communicating with a base station by radio;

memories for storing inputted character data as text data;

a text-to-speech converter for converting the text data into audio data;

a controller which includes: a means for originating a call of a telephone number when the telephone number and a call up setup are inputted from the key-input section, a means for reading out the text data stored in one of the memories on receipt of a signal sent from the base station corresponding to a response of a called party to the call and supplying the text data to the text-to-speech converter in order to convert the text data to audio data, a means for sending the converted audio data to the radio transmitter/receiver, and a means for terminating the call or disconnecting after the transmission of the converted audio data is completed; and

~~further including~~ a means for designating the readout of the text data during the call including the point of time of reception-prescribed period of time.

Claim 18 (Currently amended): A cellular phone ~~as claimed in claim 16,~~
comprising:

a key-input section for inputting a telephone number when making a phone call, a text-entry and settings for respective functions;

a radio transmitter/receiver for communicating with a base station by radio;

memories for storing inputted character data as text data;

a text-to-speech converter for converting the text data into audio data;

a controller which includes: a means for originating a call of a telephone number when the telephone number and a call up setup are inputted from the key-input section, a means for reading out the text data stored in one of the memories on receipt of a signal sent from the base station corresponding to a response of a called party to the call and supplying the text data to the text-to-speech converter in order to convert the text data to audio data, and a means for sending the converted audio data to the radio transmitter/receiver;

a means for terminating the call or disconnecting after the transmission of the converted audio data is completed;

a means for displaying contents of the text data on a display during the transmission; and

~~further including~~ a means for designating the readout of the text data during the call including the point of time of reception-prescribed period of time.

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Claim 19 (Original): A cellular phone as claimed in claim 17, wherein:

either/both of the memories store plural items of text data; and

the controller further includes: a means for indicating completion of transmission on the display every time one of the plural items of text data has been converted into audio data and transmitted, a means for reading out another item of text data stored in one of the memories while retaining the call and supplying the text data to the text-to-speech converter in order to convert the text data to audio data, and a means for continuously sending the converted audio data to the radio transmitter/receiver.

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cmt **Claim 20 (Original):** A cellular phone as claimed in claim 18, wherein:

either/both of the memories store plural items of text data; and

the controller further includes: a means for indicating completion of transmission on the display every time one of the plural items of text data has been converted into audio data and transmitted, a means for reading out another item of text data stored in one of the memories while retaining the call and supplying the text data to the text-to-speech converter in order to convert the text data to audio data, and a means for continuously sending the converted audio data to the radio transmitter/receiver.

Claim 21 (Original): A cellular phone as claimed in claim 19, further including a means for designating the number and order of the text data to be read out and transmitted to the radio transmitter/receiver in succession.

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Claim 22 (Original): A cellular phone as claimed in claim 20, further including a means for designating the number and order of the text data to be read out and transmitted to the radio transmitter/receiver in succession.
